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1. EMBOFF MET DEC 5 WITH EAST ASIA DIRECTOR HELLBECK TO MAKE THE POINTS, AS INSTRUCTED, IN REFTEL PARA 7. THE CONTINUED STRONG U.S. WISH FOR A TRILATERAL DECLARATION WAS EMPHASIZED AND HELLBECK ALSO WAS APPRISED THAT THE U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE STEPS BY EC-9 TO CORRECT ANY MISCONCEPTION CONCERNING U.S. POSITION THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONVEYED BY THE NINE TO THE JAPANESE ON THIS SCORE.

2. HELLBECK REPLIED THAT THE FRG HAS BEEN IN NO DOUBT SECRET

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CONCERNING EITHER THE U.S. WISH OR THE JAPANESE
PREFERENCE FOR THE TRILATERAL DECLARATION APPROACH.
JAPANESE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HOGEN HAD MADE THIS
PREFERENCE CLEAR TO FRG AMBASSADOR GREWE IN TOKYO
AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SONO HAD EXPRESSED A SIMILAR

VIEW INFORMALLY TO GERMAN POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL LAST WEEK. HELLBECK SAID BONN THEREFORE CERTAINLY WAS NOT THE SOURCE OF ANY SUCH JAPANESE MISCONCEPTION CONCERNING U.S. VIEWS, AND , IN ANY CASE, THE JAPANESE HAVE NOT MANIFESTED SUCH VIEWS WITH THE GERMANS. HELLBECK SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE PASS ON EMBOFF'S COMMENTS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARIES VAN WELL AND LAHN.

- 3. HELLBECK DID EXPRESS SOME INTEREST IN OUR STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT VIEW E.C./JAPAN DECLARATION AS A "SUBSTITUTE" FOR EFFORT TO REACH TRILATERAL TEXT. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME EARLIER DISCUSSION IN THE FONOFF ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BOTH A TRILATERAL DOCUMENT AND AN EC-JAPAN DECLARATION, ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED BY MURATA IN REFTEL PARA 4. HELLBECK SAID THIS IDEA SO FAR HAD NOT ATTRACTED MUCH SUPPORT.
- 4. HELLBECK SAID AMBASSADOR SONO HAD MET WITH LAHN DEC 5 WITH PRE-ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF CONVEYING FORMAL REACTION OF TOKYO TO NOV 14 EC-9 DEMARCHE. IN THE END, SONO DISCUSSED PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING EXCEPT THIS TOPIC DURING HIS MEETING WITH LAHN. HELLBECK ASSUMES SONO SIMPLY DID NOT RECEIVE THE ANTICIPATED INSTRUCTIONS, BUT EXPECTS THEY WILL BE ARRIVING SOON.
- 5. DURING DEC 6 INTERVIEW WITH BONN GENERAL-ANZEIGER BEING REPORTED BY SEPTEL, CHANCELLOR BRANDT VOICED THE VIEW THAT THE ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED TRIANGULAR U.S./EC/JAPAN DECLARATION HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF BEING REALIZED. HILLENBRAND

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